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SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, MORNING, MONDAY,
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WIRES:

1. AP - SCHWEID FROM ALEXANDRIA SAYS HAK RETURNED TO EGYPT AMID HIGH HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT. FM ALLON SAID EGYPT HAD AGREED TO ALLOW ISRAELIS IN MONITORING STATION WITHIN TERRITORY TO BE RETURNED TO EGYPT; EGYPT COULD HAVE SIMILAR POST ON ISRAELI SIDE, SAID ALLON. HAK WAS JOVIAL AND CONFIDENT AFTER SUNDAY NITE MEETING; ALLON SAID "A GREAT DEAL OF AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED." EILTS MET TWICE WITH FAHMI; BASHIR SAID GOE CONSIDERED TALKS "FLUID AND PROMISING." ISRAELI MFA SPOKESMAN SAID AT LEAST TWO MORE SHUTTLES NECESSARY, TAKING HAK AT LEAST UNTIL WEDNESDAY.
2. UPI - SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID SETTLEMENT IS 90 PERCENT COMPLETE; SADAT AND HAK WILL SPEND MONDAY WORKING ON WORDING OF AGREEMENT AND MAPS FOR ISRAELI UNCLASSIFIED

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PULLBACK AND EGYPTIAN ADVANCE, BUT 90 PERCENT OF SUBSTANTIVE WORK WAS DONE. SADAT, ASKED IF PARTS OF AGREEMENT WILL BE KEPT SECRET, SAID "NOTHING WILL BE SECRET." HAK

LEFT TWO SIDES IN JERUSALEM DRAFTING WORDING OF U.S. AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, WHILE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN WORDING BEING WORKED ON IN ALEXANDRIA.

3. REUTERS - PRENTICE FROM ALEXANDRIA SAYS PACE OF TALKS QUICKENED AS HAK DECIDED TO RETURN TO ISRAEL MONDAY NIGHT WITH LATEST EGYPTIAN IDEAS. EGYPTIAN AND U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID THEY BELIEVED THERE WERE STILL DIFFERENCES OF SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURE AND FINAL DRAFTING STAGE NOT YET REACHED. SADAT SAID NOTHING WOULD BE SECRET, INCLUDING ALL POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC, AND ECONOMIC PLEDGES MADE BY EGYPT. SIGNS INDICATE ACCORD WILL BE REACHED SOON. U.S. SOURCES SAID EGYPTIAN TROOPS WOULD MOVE INTO LAND NOW HELD BY ISRAEL IN SINAI, CONTRARY TO LONG-HELD ISRAELI POSITION; THIS APPARENTLY YIELDED TO WIN ACCEPTANCE FOR ISRAELIS TO REMAIN IN MONITORING STATION WEST OF PASSES.

PAPERS:

1. WASHPOST - BERGER ON PAGE 1 CITES PERES THAT AGREEMENT REACHED ON ISRAELI PRESENCE AT EARLY-WARNING STATION, REMOVING ONE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO SETTLEMENT. HAK SAID AGREEMENT IS CLOSE ON SUBSTANCE OF MAJOR ITEMS, BUT DRAFTING OF COMMITMENTS NOT BEGUN; WOULD MAKE NO PREDICTIONS. HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO WRAP UP AGREEMENT BEFORE UNGA SPEECH. ISRAELI CABINET COULD MEET THIS WEEK IF AGREEMENT READY.

2. NYTIMES - GWERTZMAN ON PAGE 1 SAYS VIRTUALLY EVERY MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE REPORTED TO BE RESOLVED; HAK SAYS HE HOPES TO CONCLUDE ACCORD WITHIN A WEEK. FEELING RUNNING HIGH IN ISRAEL THAT AGREEMENT ALL BUT SIGNED; RABIN REPORTEDLY TOLD CABINET THAT ISRAELIS WOULD STAY AT MONITORING STATION AFTER PULLBACK. PRELIMINARY EGYPTIAN ACCORD REACHED BEFORE HAK LEFT WASHINGTON, SADAT'S FINAL APPROVAL NEEDED. EGYPTIANS WOULD BUILD SIMILAR STATION WITH U.S. HELP. ADMINISTRATION IS NOW UNCLASSIFIED

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READY TO RECOMMEND BETWEEN \$2.1 AND \$2.4 BILLION IN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID; ISRAELIS WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT THAT AMOUNT. ALSO, U.S. WILL HELP MEET OIL NEEDS AFTER LOSS OF ABU RUDEIS; WILL CONSULT IN EVENT OF SOVIET INTERVENTION, AND WILL COORDINATE POLICIES WITH ISRAEL TOWARD FUTURE DIPLOMATIC MOVES. HAK CITED AFTER MEETING WITH NEGOTIATION TEAM THAT PROGRESS MADE. ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAY MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IS LINE OF ADVANCE FOR EGYPTIANS. DOZENS"OF UNDERSTANDINGS, BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND ISRAEL, WILL ACCOMPANY PUBLIC TEXT OF AGREEMENT. BOTH SIDES DISAVOW USE OF FORCE, PLEDGE TO MAINTAIN AGREE-

MENT UNTIL SUPRECEDED BY ANOTHER. EGYPTIANS PROHIBITED FROM JOINING ANOTHER ATTACK ON ISRAEL; ISRAELIS OFFER TO TALK ABOUT ABOTHER GOLAN AGREEMENT; EGYPT WILL RENEW UNEF MANDATE FOR THREE MORE YEARS.

"THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE INITIALED BY ALL PARTIES BEFORE HAK RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, AND CONGRESS WOULD BE ASKED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO APPROVE SENDING CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS TO SINAI. ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WOULD WORK ON THE DETAILED TIMETABLE FOR PUTTING THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT OVER SIX MONTHS AND WOULD SIGN THE ACCORD FORMALLY AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, PROBABLY IN GENEVA."

3. CSMONITOR - SCHMIDT AND MORRIS LEAD PAPER SAYING OBSERVERS EXPECT THE PACT TO BE GIVEN AT LEAST VERBAL APPROVAL BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. DESPITE PROTESTS BY DEMONSTRATORS, TWO MOST MEANINGFUL SECTIONS NEARLY COMPLETE: EARLY-WARNING POSTS IN SINAI, AND U.S. AID TO BOTH COUNTRIES. IF CONGRESS APPROVES, ISRAELIS WOULD GET "NO LESS THAN \$3.3 BILLION IN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING COMPENSATION FOR THE OIL FIELD THEY ARE TO RETURN TO THE EGYPTIANS. FOR THE EGYPTIANS, THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO ASK \$450 MILLION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. IS PUTTING TOGETHER A EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE GROUP WHICH, TOGETHER WITH ME MAJOR OIL PRODUCERS, WOULD PUT UP ANOTHER \$1.5 BILLION. ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION SINCE WELL BEFORE THE INTERIM AGREEMENT TALKS BEGAN, IT NOW NECESSARILY FALLS INTO THE CONTEXT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE NEW AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE AREA."

4. CHITRIB - FRONT PAGE STORY CITES HAK AGREEMENT "QUITE CLOSE" ON MOST MAJOR ITEMS, WITH USUAL CAVEAT ABOUT POSSIBLE SNAGS. BASHIR'S "FLUID AND PROMISING" LINE CITED FROM EGYPTIAN SIDE, AFTER EILTS MET WITH FAHMI TWICE TO REVIEW NEWS FROM HAK. ISRAELI MFA SPOKESMAN

EXPECTS AT LEAST TWO MORE SHUTTLES. EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT ON EARLY-WARNING STATION MENTIONED, THOUGH STAFFING REMAINS TO BE SETTLED. AMERICAN PRESENCE MUST BE OKAYED BY CONGRESS. WHILE CABINET MET ON SUNDAY, SETTLERS IN GOLAN VOWED NOT TO GIVE UP ONE INCH OF GROUND IN ANY AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA.

NETWORKS:

1. ABC TV, JERUSALEM: KOPPEL: I APOLOGIZE TO ALL EXPERTS ON PARKISON'S LAW, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING OF IT IS THAT THE TIME NEEDED FOR ANY TASK WILL EXPAND IN DIRECT RELATION TO THE TIME AVAILABLE; FOR EXAMPLE, THEORETICALLY, A

GIVEN JOB MAY REQUIRE A HALF AN HOUR'S LABOR, BUT IF AN

HOUR IS AVAILABLE THAT IS HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE. ALL OF THIS BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION INTO THE PARKINSONIAN LAW OF DIPLOMACY WHICH IS REACHING ITS MATURITY IN THE ME THESE DAYS. BASICALLY, THE PARKINSON'S LAW OF DIPLOMACY REQUIRES THAT AS MORE AND MORE ISSUES ARE RESOLVED, IN A NEGOTIATION, THE REMAINING ISSUES EXPAND IN COMPLEXITY TO FILL THE TIME THAT IS LEFT BEFORE SEC KISSINGER ABSOLUTELY HAS TO BE IN NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE UNGA; THAT IS NOT MEANT IN TOTAL SERIOUSNESS, BUT ALMOST. MOST OF THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED IN THIS INTERIM AGREEMENT AND THEY APPEAR TO BE THE MOST SERIOUS AND THE MOST COMPLEX ISSUES; BUT SINCE DR. KISSINGER DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BACK IN THE STATES UNTIL THE SECOND OF SEPTEMBER THERE IS AN APPARENT TENDENCY TO SPEND MORE TIME THAN IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY ON SECONDARY ISSUES. EVEN SO IN KNOWLEDGEABLE CIRCLES THE APPLICATION OF THE PARKINSONIAN LAW OF DIPLOMACY IS VIEWED AS A VERY GOOD SIGN. IN DIPLOMATIC TERMS IT IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE COMING OF THE SWALLOWS TO CAPISTRANO. THE REMAINING ISSUES UNCLASSIFIED

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MAY TAKE TIME TO RESOLVE BUT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY SERIOUS THOUGHT THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BREAK DOWN OVER THEM.

2. ABC RADIO, ALEXANDRIA - KOPPEL: THE SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT HAVE NOW BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY WRAPPED UP - 95 PERCENT COMPLETE IS THE WAY ONE SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD KISSINGER'S PLANE PUTS IT THIS MORNING ON THE FLIGHT HERE TO ALEXANDRIA. BUT THERE IS STILL ONE POTENTIALLY LARGE PROBLEM LOOMING. IN RECENT DAYS ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DEMANDING THAT SEVERAL ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT THAT WERE TO HAVE BEEN SECRET, THAT THOSE ELEMENTS BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC SECTIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, BECAUSE OF THE RISING TIDE OF PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO THE DEAL IN ISRAEL, ISRAELI LEADERS ARE AFRAID THE AGREEMENT MIGHT BE VOTED DOWN IN THE KNESSET - THE PARLIAMENT - UNLESS SOME OF THE POLITICAL GAINS THEY HAVE MADE ARE PUBLICLY REVEALED.

3. NBC TV, JERUSALEM - VALERIANI: ISRAELI OFFICIALS WENT TO THEIR REGULAR SUNDAY CABINET MEETING AND HEART THAT EGYPT HAS AGREED TO PERMIT ISRAELI TECHNICIANS TO JOIN AMERICANS IN MANNING ONE OF THE EARLY WARNING STATIONS THAT WILL BE SET UP IN THE SINAI TO GUARD AGAINST SURPRISE ATTACKS. THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS THEN MET WITH HAK AND TOLD HIM THEY WOULD ALLOW EGYPTIAN FORCES TO MOVE FORWARD INTO PART OF THE AREA THAT ISRAEL WOULD VACATE. AFTERWARDS KISSINGER WAS UPBEAT. (OPPOSITION HEARD PROTESTING LOUDLY) ... CONTINUE THEIR PUBLIC PROTEST

AGAINST THE NEW AGREEMENT CHARGING THAT IT JEOPARDIZES ISRAEL'S SECURITY. MORE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SCHEDULED

FOR TODAY AS HAK FLEW BACK TO EGYPT IN TIME FOR A WORKING LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. AFTER THAT MEETING HE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO FLY BACK TO JERUSALEM TONIGHT OR TOMORROW WITH THE LATEST EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL.

4. CBS TV, JERUSALEM - BKALB: THIS SESSION OPENED A DECISIVE STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, KISSINGER HAD ALREADY IN HIS FIRST ROUND OF TALKS TAKEN AN INVENTORY OF THE STILL OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. NOW IN LAUNCHING THE SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS HE WAS GETTING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SPECIFIC ISRAELI POSITIONS ON VARIOUS POLITICAL AND MILITARY MATTERS, THIS FOR RELAY TO SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA TO SEE IF A COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED. THE FOUR HOUR MEETING ENDED WITH HAK, IN A BRIEF SESSION WITH REPORTERS, MAKING HIS MOST OPTIMISTIC PUBLIC STATEMENTS SINCE HE ARRIVED IN ISRAEL THAT AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WAS CLOSE. THE SECRETARY WILL SPEND THE DAY TALKING WITH SADAT AND THEN IT WILL BE BACK TO ISRAEL IN THE ONGOING SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY.

5. CBS RADIO, ALEXANDRIA - BKALB: HAK FLEW HIS DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE INTO ALEXANDRIA FOR A SECOND ROUND OF

NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, WITH HAK BELIEVING IT IS POSSIBLE, NO GUARANTEES THOUGH, TO GET AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT BY THE END OF THE WEEK. SADAT WAS WAITING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAN HE CALLS 'MY FRIEND HENRY,' THE SECRETARY JOINING THE PRESIDENT ON A LAWN AT A PRESIDENTIAL VILLA OVERLOOKING THE MED. THEY BOTH WERE QUICKLY OVERRUN, AS IT WERE, BY A NEWS CONFERENCE REPORTERS AND CAMERA MEN GATHERING ROUND THEM; HAK CONTINUING TO ACCENT THE THEME OF HOPEFULNESS ABOUT AN AGREEMENT, SADAT SIDESTEPPING THE LEADING QUESTIONS WITH A SMILE AND A LAUGH SUGGESTING WHY NOT WAIT FOR THE DETAILS WHEN THERE IS AN AGREEMENT. BUT SADAT DID SAY THAT NOTHING IN THE AGREEMENT WILL BE KEPT SECRET, "QUITE RIGHT," HE REPLIED, WHEN HE WAS ASKED WHETHER EVERYTHING THAT EGYPT AGREED TO WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC WHETHER POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, DIPLOMATIC. OBSERVERS SAW THESE REMARKS AS AN ATTEMPT AT OPENESS WITH A VISITING PRESS CORPS, RATHER THAN A CONTRIBUTION TO SUBSTANCE.

MAGAZINES:

1. NEWSWEEK STORY HAS NO NEW DETAILS AND SUMMARIZES SHUTTLE AND POINTS IN PACT, MENTIONS DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. TIME ALSO SUMMARIZES AGREEMENT, MENTIONS DEMONSTRATIONS,

HAS TWO FINAL GRAFS AS FOLLOWS:

"EVEN IF THE EGYPTIANS AND THE ISRAELIS FOLLOW THROUGH TO
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AN AGREEMENT, KISSINGER WILL STILL FACE ANOTHER PROBLEM
ON CAPITOL HILL. "I THINK WE WILL SELL IT TO CONGRESS,"
SAID A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL OF THE AGREEMENT. STATE
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS EMPHASIZE THAT THE AMERICANS
INVOLVED WOULD BE CIVILIANS, THAT THEY WOULD BE STRICTLY
NEUTRAL AND THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE NO MORE THAN
200 OF THEM. THERE IS TALK IN ISRAEL, HOWEVER, OF USING
THE SINAI AGREEMENT AS A PRECEDENT AND DEMANDING AN
AMERICAN PRESENCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND ON THE WEST
BANK AS WELL BEFORE ISRAEL PULLS BACK ON THOSE BORDERS.
"OF COURSE IT IS A POSSIBILITY," ISRAEL'S FOREIGN
MINISTER YIGAL ALLON RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED IN AN
ISRAELI TV INTERVIEW.

CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO ACCEPT A NEW AMERICAN COMMITMENT
IN THE END, BUT WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM. AFTER THE VIET NAM
EXPERIENCE, MANY CONGRESSMEN WILL WANT TO KNOW JUST
HOW BIG - AND HOW FAR-REACHING-THAT COMMITMENT WILL BE."

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